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WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (VTC) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

There are three key components to being eligible for the VTC: the defendant must be a qualified veteran; there must be a relationship between the defendant's military service and the charged crime(s); and the criminal charge(s) must be an eligible crime(s).

(1) The Veteran
The veteran-defendant must have been honorably discharged or discharged under honorable conditions with eligibility to receive Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. Applicants who received an other than honorable (OTH) discharge will be reviewed by the Treatment Team on a case-by-case basis.

(2) The Nexus
There must be a logical and direct nexus, or relationship, between the veteran-defendant's military service and their criminal conduct. For example: the veteran-defendant was injured while serving, developed an addiction to opiates, and has now been charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

(3) The Charge
Most misdemeanor crimes are eligible for the VTC. Some felonies, including Possession of a Controlled Substance, Assault 4 constituting domestic violence, and DUII (CSR 4), are eligible while most felonies are not.

Additional Eligibility Criterion
The Treatment Team may refuse a veteran-candidate's application to the VTC if they feel the veteran-defendant poses too great a risk to be safely monitored in the program or believes that the veteran-defendant will not cooperate or successfully complete the program. Offenses involving a firearm will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Treatment Team.

No sex offenses or cases involving physical abuse of a child are eligible for the VTC.